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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, having a threemonth statutory period for response set to expire on April 12, 2005, entry and consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested. A petition for a one-month extension of time has been included herein, extending the period for response to May 12, 2005.